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1. The following observations were made in Born (M 53/Y 52) on 30 March 1950:

a. The troop camp is in the woods about 1½ km SE of Born. Almost all cantonment buildings in the camp are embedded in the ground up to half their height. Road workers stated that the camp was, at that time, occupied by only a small contingent of artillery troops who arrived with guns towed by caterpillar vehicles about eight days before, presumably from Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60). Intensive construction work was observed in the camp for about three weeks. It is said that the camp's capacity is to be increased from 10,000 to 25,000 troops by the construction of new cantonment buildings. The road workers, during the previous two days, observed six trucks coming to the camp, loaded to capacity with roofing paper.

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c. Another camp was being constructed in the area about 500 meters south of Huetten. A 150-meter-long motor vehicle shelter with open sides had been completed. In

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2. The following observations were made in Hillersleben (M 53/Y 51) on 31 March 1950:

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a. The previously observed infantry and signal troops were still in the barracks. There was no training activity. About 15 trucks were parked

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b. Local residents said that, about two weeks before, new troops with black-bordered red epaulets had arrived and occupied two large blocks adjoining the barracks.

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The new unit was estimated at about 200 troops.

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Comment:

* The troop camp SE of Born is known from previous reports. The improvement of this camp and the construction of a new **camp south of Huetten** were presumably started as late as the Spring of 1950.

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** Component units of the 207th Itz Rifle Div are stationed in Killersleben. The "new troops" were presumably replacements for the units stationed there.

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